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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 29, 2008, Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 1, 3-13 and 28-33 are now pending in this Application. Claim 1 is an independent claim and the remaining claims are dependent claims. In this Amendment, claims 2 and 27 been cancelled Applicants believe that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance. A notice to this affect is respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-13 and 27-33 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,024,548 to O'Toole (hereinafter O'Toole). Claims 2 and 27 have been cancelled. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2. Claim 1 now recites in part "...configuring the given communication port to communicate using the particular protocol used by the remote device to communicate through the given communication port." O'Toole fails to disclose or suggest configuring the port top use the same protocol used by the remote device. In O'Toole, as indicated by the Examiner on page 3, there is no teaching that upon detecting the particular protocol, the device port is configured in such a manner to match a configuration profile which is linked to the detection of the particular protocol in question. Amended claim 1 now recites this. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added to claim 1 by the amendment to claim 1, and that support for the amendment can be found throughout the specification, for example at page 4, lines 3-19. Accordingly, amended claim 1 is believed allowable over the prior art of record. Claims 3-13 and 28-33 depend from amended claim 1 and are believed allowable as they depend from a base claim that is believed allowable. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 1-13 and 27-33 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by O'Toole is believed to have been overcome.

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The prior art made of record is not believed to disclose or suggest the present invention.

In view of the above, the Examiner's and rejections are believed to have been overcome placing the pending claims in condition for allowance and reconsideration and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

Applicants hereby petitions for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3735.

If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 616-9660, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

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